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OAKLAND CONVENTION DRAWS COLLECTORS

The sixth semi-annual convention of the California State Numismatic association was held April 21-23 at the Hotel Leamington, Oakland, with the East Bay Coin club as host.

Registration totaled 119, and an unknown number of visitors milled in and out of the exhibits and bourse room throughout the three days. The room was full of interested members and visitors at all times, and success for the largest visitor-group in CSNA convention history was due principally to the excellent newspaper, radio, and television publicity obtained by the host club. Lew Panosh was in charge of registration. He was assisted by Myron Mountjoy.

Exhibits were ready for inspection at noon Friday, the opening day, and were on display until 5 p.m. Sunday, final day of the convention. Roy Hill was exhibits chairman.

Fourteen dealers had bourse space: V. L. Arrington, Oakland; California Medalists, San Francisco; Ed Fish, Fresno; Oscar Fulton, Tucson, Ariz.; Frank X. Galvin, Oakland; Irving Knickerbocker, San Diego; Fred Langford, Pasadena; Ken Lee, Glendale; Mona Money, Oakland; E. A. Parker, San Francisco; William Poizner, San Francisco; Dr. Ray Porter, San Luis Obispo; William H. Sexton, Santa Maria; and William H. Smith, San Francisco. Earl Parker was in charge of the dealers' bourse.

Four speeches on coins were presented Friday evening in the Victory room. Speakers were introduced by A. W. Ritchie, who, with Sidney Haas, was in charge of the numismatic program.

Thomas W. Ward, Fallbrook, presented a paper on Roman coins; Chris Peterson, Chehalis, Wash., talked on U. S. large cents, 1793-1857; John Ohls, San Francisco, had as his topic commemorative coins of the world; and A. E. Clarke, Oakland, presented highlights of British coinage. All four talks will appear in future issues of Calcoin News.

Upon motion by R. G. McArthur, all officers were re-elected by acclamation at the business meeting Saturday morning. These are: Ralph A. Mitchell, president; Charles D. Kiser, vice-president; Leonel C. Panosh, secretary-treasurer; Stewart J. Bingham, librarian-curator; and Dr. C. L. Emmons, Charles V. Kappen, Everett S. Ostrom, David L. Redfield, and J. R. Stewart, board of directors.

By counting Sexton twice for size and Gjurovich twice for volume, 36 persons made the boat trip around San Francisco Bay Saturday. Actual nose count: 34. The boat left dock at 11 a.m. and returned at 1 p.m. Sandwiches and coffee were served on board by Thelma Fieberling and Jim Rogers, hosts.

Interesting points seen along the way included Alcatraz, Fort Mason, Treasure Island, Fishermen's Wharf, the Panama-Pacific Exposition grounds, Fort Winfield Scott, the Presidio of San Francisco, the town of Sausalito, Angel Island, Mt. Tamalpias, Marin City, and the two famous bridges. A school of seals and enough ducks to adorn the tables of all sightseers on the trip for several months also were seen. Frank Carson and Paul Evens managed the car pool and information table.

Frank X. Galvin was emcee at the banquet Saturday night. Seated with him at the speakers' table were Dr. Calvert Emmons, past-president and member of the board of directors; Leonel C. Panosh, secretary-treasurer of the CSNA and second veep of the ANA; R. G. McArthur, president of East Bay Coin club and general chairman; Dave Redfield, J. R. Stewart, and Charley Kappen, members of the CSNA board of directors. W. H. Connell and Miriam Steele served with Galvin on the entertainment committee.

The prize for the best exhibit was won by Chris Peterson, who displayed 1200 varieties of the U. S. large cent. T. W. Ward received the second-place ribbon with his exhibit of Imperial Roman coins, 27 B.C. to 268 A.D. Clint Hester was third-place winner with a display of U.S. gold and Swedish plate money.

Honorable mention awards were given Lewis Walrath, Vreeland Fraser, and

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Brant Eubanks for excellent gold displays; to John Ohls for his exhibit of commemorative coins of the world; to Milton Strauch for his foreign type collection; to Charles Kappen for his exhibit of Colonial America; and to the three junior coin clubs: Junior Coin Collectors of San Francisco, East Bay Junior Coin Collectors, and Peninsula Junior Coin club, for their exhibits as a whole.

Dave Redfield, chairman of the awards committee, presented ribbons to the winners. Serving on the committee with him were Lew Panosh and Kenny Lee.

Bill Connell guessed the *exact* number of U.S. cents in three odd-shaped jars — 1068 — and took the largest jar of cents home as his reward. Martha Werling won second prize, and John Konave, third. Konave says his guess, 1039, is his street address. Mrs. Pearl Holm conducted the contest.

Bill Poizner awarded door prizes, contributed by dealer members, to the following: Mrs. Emily Roberts, Dave Redfield, A. Roberts, Mrs. Miriam Steele Kramer, Rudy Gjurovich, Mrs. Robert G. McArthur, Bill Connell, Mrs. Al Wick, Mrs. B. M. Eubanks, Scott McCormac, Charles N. Peters, Frank Carson, Doris McArthur, Vreeland Fraser, and Dorothy Divine. Prizes were merchandise certificates to be honored in the shops of the donors.

Chuck Peters, Eric Werling, Cliff Bloom, Earl Parker, and Rudy Gjurovich participated in a quiz program. In answer to Galvin's question, "What is the difference between death and taxes?" the Earl of Market Street replied that death doesn't become greater every time Congress meets. Gjurovich and Galvin carried on a lengthy and humorous discussion.

Dick Rinehart, his band and entertainers, provided music for the banquet and for the dance which followed. Betty Brownell was soloist.

Organ music at the Sunday luncheon was played by Antoinette Connell. Door prizes were won by Carlton D. McKelney, Mrs. Pearl Holm, Scott S. McCormac, Rudy Gjurovich, Dr. C. L. Emmons, Lew Panosh, D. L. Bollinger, Myron W. Mountjoy, and Miss Jurich.

It is interesting to note that the McArthur family practically monopolized the door prizes at the banquet. Emily and A. Roberts, daughter and son-in-law; Mrs. R. G. McArthur; and Mrs. Doris McArthur, daughter-in-law, all had their numbers drawn from the hat by Dorothy Divine, Mac's secretary, who also was pronounced a winner for her efforts. Bill Connell, another winner, merely works at Mac's place. And there were 120 persons at the banquet!

That one lucky table! At the banquet it produced four door-prize winners. Seated around it during the luncheon were four ANA life members: Chris Peterson, Ed Fogler, David Redfield and Eric Werling.

Eight resolutions were read by Chris Peterson, chairman, and adopted at the Sunday business meeting.

Sam Kabealo held auctions Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Interest was high, bidding was spirited, and chairs were at a premium. No rarities were offered, but many scarce U.S. items and foreign gold were sold.

Long Beach was selected tentatively as the next convention city, pending action by the board of directors. Sam Kabealo, who did a great deal of preliminary work, presented a report at the business meeting Sunday, and an invitation from the mayor and city manager of Long Beach.

CONVENTION EXHIBITORS AND THEIR DISPLAYS

CLIFFORD H. BLOOM: Gold coins of the world.

CAPITAL CITY COIN CLUB: Crowns of the world; foreign gold.

A. G. CLARKE: Coins of Britain and her colonies.

MRS. HARRY CUTLER: Coins and art objects of Japan; foreign dollars used in China; numismatic jewel case; coin jewelry.

ELLWOOD ELLINGER: California gold coins and jewelry; early day scale and gauge used to check weight and thickness of coins.

BRANTLEY W. EUBANKS: Private and U.S. gold: St. Gaudens double eagle, MCMVII, first type with very high relief (only 16 issued); Moffat & Co. $16 ingot, 1849; U.S. Assay Office $50 of 1851, $10 and $50 of 1852, and $20 of 1853; Baldwin & Co. $10 of 1850; Miners Bank $10 of 1849; and Wass, Molitor & Co. $50 of 1855.

VREELAND H. FRASER: U.S. and California gold, including 1820 proof half eagle.

RUDY GJUROVICH: U.S. and foreign paper money.

CONVENTION EXHIBITORS AND THEIR DISPLAYS

(Continued)

SIDNEY J. HAAS: The Dollar — An International Coin. Representation of 54 dollar-size coins, all deriving from the original "real de a ocha" issued by the Emperor Charles V as King Charles I of Spain.

GRANT P. HATCH: U.S. coins of 1865, the year of exhibitor's birth and of Lincoln's death.

CLINT HESTER: U.S. double eagles: proofs of 1888, 1895, 1900, and 1907; quarter eagle of 1875; U.S. proof set of 1879; Mormon quarter eagle; Lesher dollar; Swedish plate money, 1722-1735.

OTTO J. VAN HEYDE: U.S. coins in sets; coins of the world.

ROY HILL: Tenino, Wash., wooden money; Westphalia, Germany, inflation coins of 1923, including world's largest denomination, 1,000,000,000 marks.

CHARLES V. KAPPEN: Colonial America.

IRVING B. KNICKERBOCKER: Chinese coins; U.S. 3 cent nickel and silver coins.

KURT E. LORET: Ancient Greek coins.

JOHN E. OHLS: Commemorative coins of the world.

CHRISTIAN M. PETERSON: 1200 varieties of U.S. large cents, 1793-1857.

J. H. ROGERS: German notgeld money.

GEORGE C. RUGE, general foreman of press and coin room, San Francisco mint: "How our coins are made," an exhibit of ingot models and punched strips, coin press collars, defaced dies, and historical pictures and articles on making coins.

BOYE SCHUMACHER: Foreign coins.

CHARLES B. STEELE: United States half dollars.

MILTON C. STRAUCH: Foreign type collection, including Leyden, 1574, 5 sols; emergency money impressed from coin dies on Bible paper; and Brunswick-Luneburg 1½ thaler, 1664. Confederate States 50 cent restrike, 1861.

LOUIS G. WALRATH: U.S. proof 2 cents, nickel 3 cents, $3 gold, and set of U.S. coins of 1892.

THOMAS W. WARD: Imperial Roman coins, 27 B.C.-268 A.D.

ERICH WERLING: German States Prince Bishop coins, 1514-1809. Double crown of Ernest Augustus, Bishop of Osnabruck, 1662-1698 showing wheel of destiny traversing the seashore; thick double crown of Bamberg, Francis Louis of Ethal, 1786; square crown of John George of Strassburg, 1592.

Coins from the Adolph Menjou collection were displayed by the Numismatic Gallery. Shown were proof U.S. trade dollars of 1884 and 1885, an 1870S trade dollar, 1894S dime, 1796 half dollar, 1876CC 20 cent piece, 1838O half dollar, 1802 half dime, 1823 half dollar, and 1827 half dollar, types I and II.

Earl A. Parker's bourse case also contained the rare 1894S dime.

The junior exhibits section was well-represented with coin displays made by members of the Junior Coin Collectors of San Francisco, East Bay Junior Coin Collectors, and the Peninsula Junior Coin Club.

JUNIOR COIN COLLECTORS OF SAN FRANCISCO: Clifford Braun, types of U.S. half dollars; Robert Hubenette, types of U.S. silver coins; Robert Illing, Coins of Germany and historical coins; Dean Maddox Jr., U.S. commemorative coins and Lincoln cents; Dennis Olswang, Canadian cents, 1858-1949, complete; Arnold Rosing, recent U.S. coins; and Tom Twohey, English coins, English medals, Canadian sets of 1948 and 1949.

EAST BAY JUNIOR COIN COLLECTORS: John Mee, William Walton, and Lynn White collaborated in a display which included a sample Boy Scout merit badge exhibit, American and foreign coins.

PENINSULA JUNIOR COIN CLUB: Richard Fernleaf Webb exhibited selected coins of the world.

The Junior Coin Collectors of San Francisco made their own coin exhibit frames. In addition to these, they borrowed stamp frames from the East Bay Collectors Club, the California Collectors Club, and Harry E. Gray. Thirteen display cases were used for their exhibits.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

NEW MEMBERS

405 BENNETT, George ..... 1548 Micheltorena, Los Angeles 26, Calif.
397 BLOOM, Clifford H. ..... 62 Wawona St., San Francisco 27, Calif.
395 EDELL, Albert N. ..... 930 "C" St., Hayward, Calif.
401 FULTON, Oscar D. ..... 1524 E. Eighth St., Tucson, Ariz.
392 JANES, Bertram D. ..... P. O. Box 367, Portola, Calif.
394 KOHL, George ..... 246 S. First St., San Jose 17, Calif.
400 MANN, John W. ..... 837 37th St., Oakland 8, Calif.
404 McKELVEY, Carlton D. ..... 1138 73rd Ave., Oakland 3, Calif.
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402 STRAIGHT, Harold F. ..... 1542 Sixth St., Alameda, Calif.
403 WICK, Al ..... 13035 Saticoy St., N. Hollywood, Calif.
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296 NELSON, Lloyd W. ..... 2000 S. Arlington, Los Angeles 18, Calif.
312 SAN JOSE COIN CLUB (formerly Todo Dinero Numismatic Association), ... George Kohl, secretary, 407 Burrell Bldg., San Jose, Calif.
114 SEARLE, Don ..... 6331 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood 28, Calif.
369 SOPER, Ira D. ..... Pickwick Hotel, 833 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 14, Calif.
161 STANTON, Delbert O. ..... 1507 University Ave., S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.

CHANGES IN NAME

246 McCORMAC, Mrs. May, formerly Miss May Kabealo
312 SAN JOSE COIN CLUB, formerly Todo Dinero Numismatic Association

REINSTATEMENTS

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321 MONEY, Mona N. ..... 526 Hobart St., Oakland, Calif.

RESIGNED

316 LIESS, Leslie 291 MILLS, Charles C. 292 MILLS, Mrs. Charles C.

DECEASED

162 HOOD, Ernest W. ..... 630 Fetterly Ave., Los Angeles 22, Calif.
156 ROGERS, George B. ..... 4728 York Blvd., Los Angeles 42, Calif.

BACK BULLETINS AVAILABLE

Copies of all bulletins except Vol. 1, No. 1 may be obtained from L. C. Panosh, secretary, P. O. Box 1773, San Diego 12, Calif. Past convention programs and badges also will be mailed to interested CSNA members. Deadline: May 31.

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OFFICIAL SEAL FOR CSNA

Have you mailed your entry in the state seal contest to the secretary? Prizes of gold coins will be awarded for the three best designs submitted.

PREXY IS PROUD PAPA

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Mitchell, Bakersfield, announce the birth of a son April 25. This 7½-pound youngster just missed being a convention baby, and is the reason Mama and Papa Mitchell were conspicuous by their absence from Oakland. The new baby has a two-year-old brother, Harry.

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Thirteen CSNA members have attended all six conventions. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kabealo and daughter, Mrs. May McCormac, hold 3/13 of this fine record.

CONVENTION FACTS AND FIGURES

Oakland Convention, April 21-24, 1950

RECEIPTS:		
Registrations:		
75 at $7.50	$ 562.50	
11 at 5.00	55.00	
2 at 3.00	6.00	
28 at 4.50	126.00	
3 at 2.50	7.50	
16 at 1.50	24.00	
2 at 2.00	4.00	$ 785.00
Dealers Bourse		145.00
East Bay Coin Club, Convention Fund		240.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$ 1170.00
LESS: DISBURSEMENTS:		
Hotel—Banquet and Luncheon	$ 693.75	
Police Expense	2.99	
Entertainment, Banquet and Luncheon	218.50	
Entertainment, Boat Trip	90.00	
Printing	24.32	
Badges and Ribbons	22.50	
Photos	10.00	
Transport Display Cases	20.00	
Miscellaneous	24.87	1106.93
BALANCE—Profit to Association		$ 63.07

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Bakersfield	Fresno	Santa Monica	San Jose	San Diego	Oakland
RECEIPTS:						
Registration	$ 650.00	$ 633.00	$1256.00	$ 696.50	$ 969.50	$ 785.00
Auction	1971.88	870.35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bourse	143.00	80.00	180.00	110.00	140.00	145.00
Miscellaneous	178.50	54.55	25.07	62.00	309.78	240.00
Total Receipts	$3018.38	$1763.90	$1461.07	$ 868.50	$1419.28	$1170.00
DISBURSEMENTS:						
Auction Exp.	$ 82.04	$ 41.57	$	$	$	$ .....
Bourse Exp.	52.73	25.50	44.00	42.00	95.00	26.35
Police	90.00	51.00	24.00	32.00	59.00	2.99
Hotel Exp.	512.87	492.92	1008.50	574.50	631.25	693.75
Badges	33.07	28.43	50.83	3.60	46.25	22.50
Entertainment	50.00	25.00	.....	8.41	352.23	308.50
Printing	172.10	128.07	18.88	20.07	87.97	24.32
Miscellaneous	14.42	22.83	16.82	74.84	141.10	28.52
Total Expense	$2722.16	$1657.75	$1163.03	$ 809.42	$1412.80	$1106.93
Net Profit	$ 296.22	$ 106.15	$ 298.04	$ 59.08	$ 6.48	$ 63.07

REGISTRATION

	Members	Visitors	Total
Bakersfield	82	36	118
Fresno	80	29	109
Santa Monica	118	93	211
San Jose	57	65	122

San Diego	73	76	149
Oakland	64	55	119
Totals	474	354	828
Average	79	59	138

RECAPITULATION

Attending all six conventions	13
Attending five conventions	15
Attending four conventions	15
Attending three conventions	34
Attending two conventions	35
Attending one convention	94
Total	206

MEMBERSHIP REPORT, APRIL 15, 1950

Membership — Reported 11-1-49		347
Gains: New Members Admitted	12	
Reinstatements	1	13
		360
Losses: Deceased		
Resignations	10	
Dropped (non-payment of dues)	49	59
		301

February 22, 1947 - April 15, 1950

Total members admitted since 2-22-47		394
Losses: Deceased	8	
Resignations	20	
Dropped (non-payment of dues less reinstatements)	65	93
Membership 4-15-50		301

JUNIOR COIN COLLECTORS OF SAN FRANCISCO. — An evening with coins of England and two movies comprised the program at the March meeting of the club. One movie showed London through its transportation, and the other, an English-made film on the Story of Money, a product of British Information Services, told the story of the development of money from days of barter to present day banking facilities.

For the February meeting, a night was spent with Canadian coins and two movies were shown through the courtesy of the Canadian Consulate General of San Francisco. No April meeting was held, as members attended the CSNA convention in Oakland. At the next meeting, Friday, May 17, the program will be on German coins.

Members took part in the CSNA Oakland show, as the report on exhibits elsewhere in this bulletin proves. They were interested to the extent that they made their own exhibit frames.

The 16th anniversary of the club will be observed in October, and members hope to have a special activity in San Francisco to mark this milestone.

Meetings usually are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Friday of each month at the San Francisco Public Library. A business meeting is held on the third Thursday. There will be no meetings during the summer months, but activities will be resumed Sept. 15.

Copper nose was a nickname given to the English silver of the fourth and fifth coinage of Henry VIII. The coins were greatly debased, and having the full face of the king, soon began to wear and show the inferior metal at the end of the nose, the most prominent part.

—Circulated Proof.

WHO'S WHO IN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATICS

CALVERT L. EMMONS, M.D.

"Unlike most numismatists, who begin their coin collecting with U.S. cents, I started with commemorative half dollars. Although I have added many other coins, from ancient times to the present — from U.S. cents to $20 gold pieces — my first love, the U.S. half dollar, remains my principal interest."

In these words, Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, Ontario, founder and past president of the California State Numismatic association, describes his beginning interests in coin collecting. He has added regular issue half dollars to commemorative ones.

In 1935, George Pohl, present agriculture commissioner of Tulare county and a friend of Dr. Emmons, persuaded the latter that he should have a hobby. Pohl himself collected rocks, not coins, but knew a collector in San Bernardino who had a partial set of commemorative half dollars for sale. The Ontario doctor bought the lot and his hobby was underway.

Dr. Emmons was born in a sod-house on the plains of Central Nebraska July 8, 1882. His birthplace was situated on the Platte river near the village of Overton. His parents were farmers. Neighbors were few and far between. The community numbered between 30 and 40 persons.

Dr. Emmons attended high school in Lexington, Nebr., a village that then was known as Plumcreek. He was graduated from the University of Nebraska, and earned his medical degree from the University of Southern California in June, 1908. He interned in the German hospital and the Soldiers' Home hospital at Sawtelle. "At that time we boasted a hospital of 400, although it now has many thousands," Dr. Emmons says.

Married in 1909, Emmons moved back to his birth state, where he practiced medicine for five years. He returned to California in 1914, and has resided in Ontario ever since. He has three children, all in the professional world. He received the F.A.C.S. degree of the American College of Surgeons in 1936.

Dr. Emmons always has been active in the Orange county and San Bernardino county coin clubs. He was president of Orange county in 1946, and has served on its board of directors since 1947. He is best known to collectors of the state for his work in organizing the

DR. CALVERT L. EMMONS

California State Numismatic association.

J. R. Stewart, Ontario, and Dr. Emmons usually drove together to the Orange county club meetings at Brea. They frequently discussed the idea of a state organization being formed. Dr. C. Glenn Curtis, Brea, and Dr. Emmons strongly favored the state club idea because of their experiences with the state medical society.

The idea was discussed freely during meetings of the Orange county club. In January, 1947, a group of interested collectors decided to meet in Bakersfield with Ralph Mitchell and the Hanford Coin club to form a state organization. Mitchell was at that time second vice-president of the American Numismatic association.

Dr. Curtis and Kenneth E. Lee, Glendale, were the only ones from the south to reach their destination. Stewart Bingham, Pomona, and Dr. Emmons tried but failed because of bad weather. The Ridge route and the desert road were both closed. Neither of them knew of the Cuyama road from Santa Maria to Bakersfield — the route used by Curtis and Lee.

Nothing developed from that meeting, but Dr. Emmons corresponded with interested persons over the state, and in

CALIFORNIA CLUB NEWS, VIEWS, AND WHOs

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB.—Dr. L. I. Kaffesieder talked on United States currency at the April 12 meeting, held at the Elks' club, Wilshire Blvd. and 21st St., Santa Monica. He displayed a splendid lot of uncirculated bills from broken bank notes to the last issue of large-sized currency. Pres. Karl M. Brainard conducted an interesting quiz program.

Nineteen members were present. A dinner in the Elks' club restaurant preceded the meeting.

The following persons were nominated for offices in the ANA: M. Vernon Sheldon, president; Col. Joseph Moss, first vice-president; Leonel C. Panosh, second vice-president; Lewis M. Reagan, general secretary; Harold R. Klein, treasurer; and T. R. Hammer, librarian.

Nominated for board of governors were Vernon L. Brown, Dr. J. Hewitt Judd, Charles L. Ruby, C. H. Ryan, and Capt. William Dodson.

Highlight of the March 8 meeting was an exhibition of illuminated slides of interesting coins by Robert C. Cahall, Taft. Included were coins which the average collector has little or no chance of seeing in the original. Cahall also demonstrated his method of making slides from plexiglass.

Coins were displayed by Pres. Brainard, Jack Schultz, and Harry S. Davidson, but the outstanding exhibit was by Joe Block, who displayed a complete collection of uncirculated and proof small cents from 1856 to date — a beautiful set.

The club met at Helen Foster's restaurant, Second St. and Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, its regular meeting place. Dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. for those who wished it, and the program started at 8 p.m.

—H. S. Davidson.

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EAST BAY COIN CLUB, Oakland.—Convention reports highlighted the 26th meeting of the club April 14.

Roy Hill reported on exhibits, and requested all prospective exhibitors to contact him before Friday, April 21. He also reported on publicity. Bill Poizner elaborated on the types and amount of publicity planned.

Earl Parker reported that 15 spaces in the bourse section had been assigned, and that more dealers were expected to contract space.

W. H. Connell advised the club regarding the entertainment to be furnished. Frank X. Galvin will be master of ceremonies.

Bill Poizner reported completion of arrangements for several souvenirs and door prizes, and said that considerable publicity would be obtained through the use of name columnists in this area. Some time on radio and television had been arranged for by Poizner.

Walt Ritchie said the education program would include outstanding speakers in the persons of Dr. A. G. Clarke, John E. Ohls, Tom Ward, Mike Carey and Chris Peterson. Peterson will exhibit

More on: CALVERT EMMONS

February, 1947 (Washington's birthday), a group met in Santa Barbara for two days and perfected an organization. Dave Redfield, Roy Hill, and Ed Fogler attended from San Francisco; Kenny Lee from Glendale; D. R. Dinius from Los Angeles; Lew Panosh from San Diego; Stew Bingham from Pomona; J. R. Stewart from Chino; and Dr. Emmons from Ontario. Kenny Lee opposed any dealer holding office or being on the board of directors. So he, Fogler, and Dinius served as a nominating committee. They suggested as officers Dr. Emmons for president, Redfield for vice-president, and Panosh for secretary, thus giving all sections of the state representation. Other organizing members were Ralph Mitchell, Bakersfield; Dr. C. Glenn Curtis, Brea; and Earl A. Parker, San Francisco.

The new organization hoped for 50 members in a year's time and as its members became more enthusiastic, they were even optimistic enough to dream of 75 members. In October, when the first convention was held, the association had more than 200 members, exceeding all expectations.

According to J. R. Stewart, credit for the forming of the association belongs to Drs. Emmons and Curtis. "There weren't too many persons interested until the actual work was done and the association really looked as if it would live," Stewart says.

Dr. Emmons was president of the association for two years, and now is beginning his second year as a member of the board of directors. It is with a great deal of pride that he has seen his brainchild develop from infancy to adulthood. It is now the largest state coin organization in the country.

"He builded better than he knew."

his world-famous collection of U.S. large cents.

Editor W. H. Connell of the Circulated Proof discussed articles planned for the club bulletin and made his usual request for material.

Abe Kosoff, scheduled speaker of the evening, was unable to attend, but will address the club at a future date.

Exhibitors and their exhibits: Bill Poizner, British medals; Clifford Bloom, Spanish gold 4-peso piece; Harald Helgesen, doubloon, Roumanian 1000-lei piece, rare Guatemalan 5- and 50-peso pieces, Mexican peso; Earl Parker, four different widow's mites of Judea, type set of U.S. coins, Japanese medals; S.S. Hawley, odd and curious cents, 1897 quarter; Roy Hill, puffins of 1929.

J. E. Daniel donated several coinholders to be sold for the benefit of the convention fund and Mrs. Pearl Holm donated a birthday cake for celebration of the club's second birthday.

The grab bag was opened and produced $36, which was added to the convention fund. Bill Poizner conducted the auction and Mrs. Thelma Fieberling served refreshments. Fifty-four members and 25 visitors were present.

A program of slides on commemorative half dollars, furnished by the ANA, was conducted at the March 10 meeting by Ellwood Ellinger.

Convention committee reports were made.

Walt Ritchie said he had been successful in obtaining prominent space in the Capwell Store Co. window, and that all National Coin Week exhibits by members would be covered by insurance paid for by the club.

Frank Carson requested that members furnish cars to transport visiting delegates and members to various points of interest in the community and to the dock for the boat ride.

Pres. R. G. McArthur elaborated on convention activities.

Exhibits were made by the following persons: Claud H. Church, cents, nickels, and dimes; E. A. Parker, commemorative gold and curious coins; Cliff Bloom, coin books and German gold coins; V. L. Arrington, coin boxes and holders; and Bill Smith, proofs, cinti, musicals, and pattern cents.

Tony Bucelli and Charles Peters donated coins for auction, proceeds to be added to the convention fund.

—J. H. Rogers, Rec. Sec.

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB.—Members turned out en masse March 22 to greet the return to the club and the community of Dr. C. Glenn Curtis. Meeting at 7:30 in the Woman's club house, Brea, 137 persons heard Dr. Curtis' illustrated talk on his work in Ecuador. Mrs. Glenn Curten introduced him as speaker of the evening.

Following the talk by Dr. Curtis, doughnuts and coffee were served, and a lively auction was conducted by Sam Kabealo. All the material available could not be disposed of before 11 o'clock. J. R. Stewart presided.

Dr. C. L. Emmons addressed the Feb. 22 meeting of the club on coins and tokens bearing the portraits of George Washington. There was an unusually large attendance at this Washington's birthday meeting.

Coins, tokens, paper money, and fractional currency were displayed. A raffle was held and was enjoyed by all. Coffee and doughnuts were served, and an auction was held. The session closed promptly at 11 p.m.

—Calvert L. Emmons, M.D.

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PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, San Francisco, held its 409th meeting March 29 at 8 p.m. in the James F. Waters auditorium, 1355 Van Ness Ave. at Bush St., with 35 members and guests present.

One-half hour was devoted to the showing of ANA commemorative half dollar slides with accompanying narration by Clifford Bloom, PCNS president. His usual good humor helped to make the occasion an entertaining one. Howard Thomas operated the projector.

An interesting talk was given on primitive stone money of the island of Yap by Capt. O. H. Dodson, U.S.N., who had just returned from Guam. He also showed snapshots of Yap 'debutantes'.

Displays were described by their owners and a members' bourse and auction were held. Louis G. Walrath showed a set of coins of 1892 in a specially designed plastic holder. Roy Hill exhibited three German coins of 1923, all the same size, but in different inflationary denominations: 1000, 5,000,000, and 50,000,000 marks. Earl Parker displayed U.S. commemorative coins. Other exhibitors were Kurt E. Loret and Pres. Clifford H. Bloom.

The last Wednesday in February being Washington's birthday, the PCNS meeting was held March 1, and was attended by approximately 50 members and guests.

Sound movies of historic Switzerland

were shown and an excellent 20-minute talk was given by that master of coin history, Sidney J. Haas. An exhibit of Swiss coins from the collections of Erich Werling and Haas attracted much attention. C. V. Kappen displayed the world's first pure nickel coin, a 20-rappen piece of Switzerland dated 1881. Other exhibitors were Clifford H. Bloom, William G. Wilson, and A. L. Nowak.

The unusual feature of a members' bourse was tried out in place of the usual auction, with fair success. Coins were sold at fixed prices with a 10 per cent commission going to the society.

In honor of California's third centennial year, the program for the Jan. 25 meeting was a color movie, "Ghost Town," a tour through the Mother Lode country, courtesy of the Signal Oil Co., and a talk, "Life as It Was Lived in the Era of the Gold Slug," by Clifford H. Bloom.

Members paid silent tribute to the memory of Farran Zerbe, who died Christmas Day.

The PCNS, oldest coin club west of the Mississippi river, will celebrate its 35th anniversary Wednesday, June 28. The society was founded by the late Farran Zerbe during the Panama Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco June 25, 1915, and today has two of its original charter members, Basil Brandon and H. L. Hill.

ANA slides of U.S. pattern coins will be shown at May and July meetings.

—Mrs. Harry Cutler.

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REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB—The first anniversary meeting of the Redwood Empire club was held March 27 in the directors' room of the Bank of America, Healdsburg, at 8 p.m.

The club was organized March 25, 1949, with 20 charter members. Membership now totals 25. Charter members were Henry T. Wrede, J. F. Rogers, William M. Lambert, Jane Barry Lambert, Walter C. Nielsen, Guy L. Chapman, W. H. Stockburger, Elmer J. Sandborn, Angelo J. Brovelli, E. A. Parker, Mrs. E. A. Parker, Richard Replogle, Robert C. Patterson, Mrs. R. C. Patterson, Delcie Boles, Mildred Olinger, L. J. Wallace, W. C. Morgan, Larry Cook, and Gerald L. Hudson.

At the opening meeting, Earl A. Parker gave an interesting talk on coins and the following officers were elected: President, Henry T. Wrede; vice-president, J. F. Rogers; and secretary-treasurer, William M. Lambert. By-laws were drawn up at this meeting.

Officers for 1950 are: President, Walter C. Nielsen, 2027 East Haven Dr., Santa Rosa; vice-president, William Lambert, 1101 Monroe St., Santa Rosa; and secretary-treasurer, Gerald Hudson, 5361 Montecito Ave., Santa Rosa.

—Henry T. Wrede.

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB held its 21st meeting in the Chamber of Commerce office, 533 "E" St., San Bernardino, at 7:30 p.m. March 16. This is a permanent change in meeting place.

Bryan Burke conducted an interesting quiz on coins. Door prizes were won by Mrs. Howard Smith, Dr. Fred W. Gutekunst, and Herbert Fineberg.

Howard Smith displayed several German 5-mark pieces with different obverses and reverses. Plans were made to display coins during National Coin Week, and an auction was held.

Twenty members and two guests were present.

The Feb. 16 meeting was held at San Bernardino Valley college and was attended by 18 members and one new member, Dr. Fred W. Gutekunst.

Dr. Calvert L. Emmons talked on coins, medals, and currency bearing George Washington's bust, and enumerated the many varieties of Washington money and tokens.

Door prizes were won by Bland Haydon and Fred Barrett. An auction followed the program.

Fred Draper, Upland, gave an interesting talk on silver dollar-size coins of the world at the 22nd meeting of the club, April 20. Nineteen members and one guest were present at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Draper told of the death peso used during the 1913 revolution in Mexico. He gave the stories of the Maria Theresa thaler, the U.S. trade dollar, and other historical pieces.

A beautifully-turned gavel was presented to the club by member Fred Smith. Door prizes were won by Howard Smith, Fred Draper, Dr. Fred Gutekunst, and Bland Haydon. A lively auction brought the meeting to a close.

—Bland B. Haydon.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.—Quiz programs provided the feature attraction during the past three club meetings. Conducted by Lew Panosh, they proved highly informative and entertaining to all members.

Through the efforts of Atwood L. MacDonald, Dr. Bruce L. Wallace, Wayne

L. Higbee, Col. Newton, and others, a coin club has been organized at the navy hospital in San Diego.

Eugene D. Johnston spoke before the Optimist Downtown club on Coins of the Ages recently.

Dr. B. L. Wallace showed colored movies of the New Orleans Mardi Gras April 10.

Attendance of members and guests at club meetings averages about 40.

Lew Panosh answered the jaekpot question on the KSDO radio "Time to Win" program April 20. The question: What was the circulation of the San Diego Sun-Tribune of April 19? Lew won all the groceries he could get in his arms.

Wayne Higbee was blindfolded and asked to distinguish between paper money and ordinary paper. He received a like prize of groceries, although he was unable to tell the difference. Eugene Johnston, Dr. Bruce Wallace, and Mrs. A. L. MacDonald also won grocery awards, Johnston for locating Little Egypt in Southern Illinois. Wilson Edwards was program conductor.

—Eugene D. Johnston.

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SAN JOSE COIN CLUB.—Charles V. Kappen was elected club president May 1. Others officers elected are Direk Arrowsmith, vice-president; George F. Kohl, secretary; Vincent Guarnera, treasurer; George F. Hodges, librarian-curator; Rudy Gjurovich, Charles Knickerbocker, Syl C. Tully, Direk Arrowsmith, and C. V. Kappen, board of directors. The new officers will be installed at the June meeting.

Bill Poizner, San Francisco, speaker of the evening, had as his topic, "Medals, Tokens, and Just Plain Junk." His address was supported by a large display of miscellania. Poizner also eonducted the club auction.

Twelve members and five visitors were present.

The club met in 40th session April 3 at the DeAnza hotel. The main business was action on proposed changes in constitution and by-laws.

After spirited discussion, an amended constitution was adopted, changing the name from Todo Dinero Numismatie association to San Jose Coin club, and adding a board of governors to eonsist of the immediate past president, president, vice-president, and two elected members.

After the business meeting an auction of 26 lots added enthusiasm to the meeting.

Harvey Hansen, for many years an officer in the ANA and secretary of the Pacific Coast Numismatic society, addressed the March 6 meeting of the club.

Hansen spoke on money, its origin, and its many and varied uses. Money has been used for practically every purpose but one; that is, no one has as yet been able to buy his way to Heaven.

He related many amusing instanees of inquiries as to the value of old mutilated coins and bills. One person said he had an authentic coin actually dated 251 B.C. Hansen is still wondering how the maker of the coin knew that far in advance when Christ would be born.

The speaker gave much worthwhile advice on collecting and on gathering coin information which was valuable to old and new collectors alike.

Vincent Guarnera displayed an interesting collection of U.S. paper money large series, C.S.A. bills, World's Fair tickets, German bills, and U.S. type sets.

Orie Grizzle, Campbell, beeame a member of the club.

A nominating committee was appointed.

—George F. Hodges.

PENINSULA JUNIOR COIN CLUB.—Meetings are held in the San Mateo Public Library, Second Ave. and S. San Mateo Dr., San Mateo, on the first Friday of each month at 7 p.m. The last meeting before the summer recess will be held June 2. Meetings will be resumed in September or October, after the members have returned to school.

Time has been spent in working on ideas for exhibiting coins, in preparation for the CSNA convention in Oakland, and in getting ready for the San Mateo County Fiesta Hobby show in August.

Coins are brought to the meetings for purposes of identification and to enable owners to find out what they represent as numismatic items.

There was to have been an exhibit of coins in the San Mateo Public Library National Coin Week, but the arrival of a California Literary Centennial exhibit to mark the centennial of California's State Library precluded earrying it out as planned. An exhibit will be held there at a later date.

—Roy Hill, Counselor.

STORY OF THE COINS OF THE GRAND MASTERS

Order of Rhodes and Malta

By LEONEL C. PANOSH, *San Diego*

This article is written, not as any addition to the literature on the subject, but with the idea that it may get the attention of some collectors who have given it little or no thought; who have passed it by as lacking in interest or as being too difficult to attempt; or who may feel that U.S. coins are the only ones worth-while.

I have no quarrel with the collector who confines his interest to the coins of his own country, and who endeavors to assemble as representative a collection of all the types his means will permit. Indeed, I feel that every collector should have at least a good basic collection of that kind, together with an adequate knowledge of the historical facts and economic changes which accompanied each issue, and which prompted any change in size, denomination, metallic content, or design.

Too many collectors, I believe, assemble complete sets, perhaps in uncirculated or proof condition, of some certain coin, without taking the time to find out a single fact in connection with the coins, other than the dates of issue and the number of types necessary to complete the set. They are collectors but they are not numismatists. They have added to their store of wealth, but they have added not a single thing to their fund of knowledge concerning it. I am reminded of my favorite definition of the word numismatics: "The science and study of coins, money or medals, and of the histories of all nations and their rulers through the medium of their coinage."

The purpose of this article is to present a description of a somewhat unusual series of coins, together with a little of the story behind the coins, and thus bring out if possible something of the pleasure and benefit which may be derived from collecting them. It is true that sometimes the coins are difficult to obtain, and very likely the set never will be completed, but that will be more than compensated for by the satisfaction to be had each time one is acquired and the fund of knowledge and information received from its study. Because I recently have been devoting more study to the coinage of the Grand Masters of the Order of Malta, as they are most commonly referred to, than to any other series in which I am interested, I have chosen that coinage as the subject for this paper.

No consideration of the coinage of the Grand Masters of Malta, or of the Knights Hospitaller, St. John of Jerusalem, which is their real name, would be complete without at least a short summary of the origin and history of the order. Founded, some say, in 1048, and certainly no later than 1092 at the time of the first crusade, it was the oldest of the knightly brotherhoods which grew out of that 200-year struggle between the Christians and the Saracens for possession of the holy city of Jerusalem. With the exception of the Teutonic Knights it outlived all the others, maintaining a combined charitable, religious, military and political existence until 1800 when Napoleon took the island of Malta without resistance, thus bringing to a close the history of one of the most remarkable organizations the world ever has seen.

Originally founded as an organization of monks and knights to care for the sick and wounded at Jerusalem, the order set up hospitals and performed such a meritorious service that its work was rewarded by grants of money and property by kings, and its existence as an organization was recognized by the pope. Its fortunes rose and fell with those of the Christians and the first 200 years of its history is a succession of moves between Jerusalem, Acre and Limisso as the Christian forces alternately gained, lost, regained and lost again possession of the holy city.

In 1291 the struggle definitely was ended, and the Knights St. John of Jerusalem moved to the island of Cyprus, assuming the name Knights of Cyprus, and in 1309 they took the island of Rhodes, becoming known then as the Knights of Rhodes. Until 1522 they held that island against all efforts of the Turks to remove them.

In 1522 a tremendous assault by the Saracens under Solyman finally prevailed, largely due to treachery on the part of the chancellor of the order. In recognition of the heroic defense made by them, the knights were permitted to take ship to the island of Candia where they remained until 1529 when they were given the island of Malta by Emperor Charles V. There taking the name Knights of Malta, they again became the bulwark of Christian Europe against the

attempts of the Turks to expand to the westward.

During the years 1113-1798 there were in all 70 grand masters. It is not my intention to go into detail concerning the lives, coinage and achievements of all of them. Suffice to say that many of them served with great glory, such as L'Isle-Adam (1521-1534) whose regime was so filled with tales of bravery, generosity and wisdom that his tombstone, yet to be seen, bears the simple yet glorious inscription, "Here virtue reposes, victorious over fortune"; while on the other hand Raymond d'Espuig (1736-1741) did so little of importance that his biographer could only record that "He lived—he died".

The right to issue a coinage always has been an attribute of sovereignty and as such always has been jealously guarded. Thus no coins were struck by the order while at Jerusalem, Acre, or Cyprus, but when it took over the island of Rhodes, it became in effect a sovereign power, ruling over a strategic island in the eastern Mediterranean. As commerce began with Asia and Europe the necessity of coinage became at once apparent, so in 1309, with Grand Master Foulques de Villeret, 25th grand master, there began the issuance of a series of coins which continued until 1798 when Ferdinand de Hompesch, 70th grand master, surrendered the island of Malta to Napoleon.

All coins actual size. First illustration shows obverses and second illustration pictures reverses of same coins.

1. Gigliato, silver, Helion de Villeneuve, 26th grand master, 1319-46
2. 1 Tari, silver, Jean D'Omedez, 46th grand master, 1536-53
3. 5 Granni, copper, Raymond Perellos, 63rd grand master, 1697-1720
4. 30 Tari, silver, Emanuel Pinto de Fonseca, 67th grand master, 1741-73
5. 1 Zecchino, gold, Martin Garzes, 52nd grand master, 1595-1601
6. 2 Zecchini, gold, Antoine Manoel de Vilhena, 65th grand master, 1722-36
7. 4 Trai, silver, Alofio de Wignacourt, 53rd grand master, 1601-22
8. 1 Scudo, silver, Raymond d'Espuig de Montenegre, 66th grand master, 1736-41

It is interesting to note that none other of the great orders of knighthood ever enjoyed the privilege of coining money and that when the Emperor Charles gave the island of Malta to the knights in exchange for certain promises, the negotiations hinged for some time on the insistence of Charles that the right of coinage be relinquished, and the insistence of the knights that it be retained. The knights finally prevailed by assuming in addition the defense of the city of Tripoli.

Coins struck by the grand masters were of gold, silver, and copper and were comparable in workmanship to that of the times. Early coinage while at Rhodes carried no date and the pieces were of the type and value of the coins of Venice, France and other countries of Europe. Later coins issued at Malta took the denomination of the coinage of Sicily: the granni, tari, scudo and zecchino. The granni was a small copper coin and about 20 of them were needed to make a tari, which was worth about 4 cents of our money. The scudo was worth about 40 cents. Silver coins were minted for 2, 4, 6, 15 and 30 tari, the last being a dollar-sized coin, and also

for 1 and 2 scudi. Gold coins were struck for 10 scudi; 1, 2 zecchini, etc.

Inscriptions on the coins are very interesting. Almost to the end of its existence the order was strongly Roman Catholic, being half-military and half-religious in its organization. The religious influence is strongly reflected, especially in the earlier coinage. The coins of the first grand master to issue money, de Villeret, bear the inscription, "Brother Foulques de Villeret, by the Grace of God, of Jerusalem, Master of the Hospital of the Convent of St. John of Jerusalem at Rhodes." The inscription, in Latin, and abbreviated, occupies two rows around the coin on the obverse.

Coins of Antoine Fluvian, 34th grand master (1421-1437) have, "Let this ducat be given to Thee, O Christ, because Thou dost rule"; Pierre d'Aubusson, 39th grand master (1476-1503) has "Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sins of the world" on his coins; while L'Isle d'Adam, 43rd grand master, pleads thus, "Brother Philip de L'Isle Adam, Master of the Hospital of Jerusalem, Give me Valor against Thine enemies." He must have received it, since in a long line of illustrious grand masters, his defense of Rhodes stands out.

Early coinage shows the influence of the Greeks with the Greek cross, and again the religious influence is shown by the figure of the grand master or of an angel kneeling in an attitude of prayer. The shield with the coat of arms of the grand master is used almost from the beginning. Many coins, especially the minor ones, have the cross of Malta on one side, and on some the date is set between the four points of the cross. Coins of L'Isle d'Adam have a likeness of the grand master, his cloak bearing on the left shoulder the familiar eight-pointed Maltese cross. Coins of de la Vallette have the cross of Malta on one side, the other bearing clasped hands with the value shown below. Several issues bear the head of St. John the Baptist, patron saint of the order, of whom it is related in the Bible, Matt. 14:10-11, "Herod sent and beheaded John in the prison. And his head was brought in a charger and given to the damsel" (Salome).

It is interesting to note that the coins of Emanuel Pinto de Fonseca, 67th grand master (1741-1773), show a crowned shield with the coat of arms, but instead of the ducal crown over the shield, it is surmounted by a king's crown, indicating that he considered himself the equal of kings and potentates. All succeeding grand masters likewise used the kingly crown, surmounted by a small Maltese cross.

This series of coins is of especial interest to the student of heraldry. Most of the coins bear on one side a shield with the first and fourth quarters carrying the grand cross of the order, and the second and third the coat of arms of the grand master. Since the grand masters came only from families of noble birth, and from any of the eight countries represented on the council by langues, it can be seen that the device on the shield can be of interest to such a collector.

To the collector interested only in acquiring coins, this series is no more remarkable than any other, but to the numismatist the series is the open door to one of the great stories of the world's history. It is the story of the Knights Hospitallers, a story of faith, courage, honor, charity, zeal, humility, constancy and piety mixed with greed, treachery, cruelty, ambition, and dishonor. It is the story of the history of Europe from 1092 to 1800, with popes, kings, cardinals and emperors all playing a part, some with honor and some with shame. It is the story of the lives of 70 knights who in time became grand masters of this great order of chivalry. It is the story of knighthood, of medieval chivalry, which rose to its heights with the crusades, and after a glorious existence of a thousand years, finally gave way as a dominant factor in world affairs as changing conditions made it unnecessary.

EAST BAY JUNIOR COIN COLLECTORS.—Meetings are held on the fourth Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Oakland Public Museum, 1426 Oak St., Oakland.

The first formal program was presented March 24. A. G. Clarke, Oakland, made a fine talk on English money, emphasizing the history attached to each coin. He exhibited some of his treasures in true collector fashion, giving their stories.

Work is progressing on an emblem, the art being done by Lynn White, secretary. Many new names have been added to the membership roll as the result of the cooperation of Mona Money, who made contacts in her hobby shop with interested collectors.

Summer vacations will interrupt meetings, but activities will be resumed in September.